

As the men and women of my home state of Alabama know well, we have been blessed with a rich history in agriculture—largely thanks to the peanut.

In the early 1900s, as boll weevils devastated cotton crops and producers across the southeastern United States, Alabama farmers began to instead plant peanuts. This decision to diversify ultimately preserved the struggling region and led to new levels of success for its people.

Having grown up on a family farm, I know firsthand the hard work and dedication that it takes to succeed in farming. Genesis 2:15 says, “then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.” That is exactly what our farmers continue to do in South Alabama.

Today, we are proud to boast that the majority of all peanuts produced in the United States are grown within a 100-mile radius of Dothan, Alabama.

Since November of 1938, when Dr. George Washington Carver addressed the very first National Peanut Festival, countless friends and families have gathered to celebrate the annual harvest and the many successes the peanut has brought to the Wiregrass.

The festival has grown from a three-day event in 1938 to a full ten-day celebration in 2021, with over 200,000 expected attendees.

I am proud that Alabama has continued this tradition—a tradition that commemorates the true grit of our people and the pride we have in our history.

I join the Second Congressional District of Alabama, as well as the entire state, in congratulating the National Peanut Festival on its 77th year, and I look forward to celebrating with this community for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 92 OF ROCKLAND, MI

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 92 for their century of service to veterans, their families, and our communities. Through their tireless work, exceptional leadership, and steadfast selflessness, Post 92 has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan.

Post 92 was created in 1919 in Victoria, Michigan, following the national charter of the American Legion by Congress. The post was formed to establish a local organization to bring fellow Yooper Veterans together within the U.P. Two years later, the Legion moved to Rockland, Michigan, where they have been headquartered ever since with the mission of defending the U.S. Constitution and honoring our men and women in uniform, amongst many other goals. Over the last century, the American Legion has grown to two million members with over thirteen thousand posts nationwide. Post 92's work has significantly improved the lives of countless Veterans and their families, and their dedication cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize American Legion Post 92 for a century of

service to the veterans and communities of the Upper Peninsula. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such devoted organizations and citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MONALISA DUGUÉ AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to thank Monalisa Dugué for her nearly five years of service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Monalisa came to the Committee after spending more than a decade with the Public Defender's office in Chicago and several years working for non-profits and as a consultant. Before starting her career, Monalisa received her B.A. from DePaul University and her J.D. from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Monalisa joined the Committee in 2017, as Deputy Chief Counsel of our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Since then, she has played an indispensable role in working to reform our criminal justice system.

As Deputy Chief Counsel, Monalisa worked on a broad range of issues, including criminal justice reform, juvenile justice reform, and Tribal justice—including addressing the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women. Monalisa has been instrumental in the House's work to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, to enact the First Step Act, and to fund evidence-informed strategies to reduce community violence and fund community violence intervention programs that address the cycles of violence in communities.

Monalisa's work in the committee has had a lasting impact on the American people. She has played a key role in passing numerous bills into law, some of which include the VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act, the Not Invisible Act, Savanna's Act, the Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act, the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, and the Strengthening the Opposition to Female Genital Mutilation (STOP FGM) Act.

Throughout all of her work, Monalisa brought her commitment to justice and equity and her tireless work ethic. Our committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from her wisdom, experience, and contributions. Our country is a better place because of the mark Monalisa has left on it.

While we will miss Monalisa greatly, we are glad she is not going far, as she will be continuing her public service career as Chief of Staff to Senator WHITEHOUSE.

We thank Monalisa for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF WILLARD KINZER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long-time friend Willard Kinzer, a World War II veteran, racecar driver, and successful businessman in Eastern Kentucky. He is a loyal patriot of this great nation, a generous philanthropist for Kentucky's Appalachian communities and an innovative leader for the Kinzer Drilling Company.

One of the most iconic symbols in Eastern Kentucky has become the giant American flag flying in front of the Kinzer Drilling headquarters in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. It represents Willard's consummate pride in the American way of life, our military, and his dedication to the people of our region. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Willard joined the U.S. Navy when he was only 16 years old—he adjusted his birth certificate, determined to help his country in World War II. He narrowly missed the deadly explosion on ammunition ship USS *Mount Hood* just before he was sent back home to the United States. That explosion killed the entire 300-plus crew on board and nearly 100 more crew members on the nearby USS *Mindanao*. It injured 371 more, sank 22 small boats and damaged 18 larger ships. On that day, Willard's perspective forever changed, and he began living with a new fearless lease on life.

Willard Kinzer is the type of person who wakes up and hits the ground running. In fact, he has a sign at home that says “Life begins at 200 mph.” With a passion for fast cars, he has won countless trophies and awards for drag racing and hill climbing competitions over the years, and he holds the record for being the first person in history to drive a stock suspension car faster than 230 miles per hour. It should come as no surprise that he celebrated his 90th birthday winning a drag race championship in Bristol, Tennessee. He is truly a thrill-seeker at heart.

For 70 years, he was blessed to share every adventure with his wife, Lucy. Together, they raised a beautiful family and invested in local communities, helping build the Mountain Arts Center, the Wesley Christian School in Allen, and Hope in the Mountains in Prestonsburg. They also grew the Kinzer Drilling Company into a successful gas and oil business, spanning 800 miles in Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia.

On this Veterans Day, I count it a great honor to join the people of Eastern Kentucky in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Willard Kinzer, saluting him for his valiant service during World War II and his continued work across Eastern Kentucky.

WISHES FOR PEACE BETWEEN ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, it has been over a year since the end of the 2020 44-day